

Unimas holds Merdeka activities

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: More than 150 students, lecturers and staff of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's (Unimas) yesterday took part in a poetry recital and patriotic song performance at its campus here in conjunction with this year's Merdeka Month celebrations.

During the event held from 9 am until 5 pm, Unimas also put on drama sketches that depicted the sacrifices and struggles in achieving the country's independence more than half a century ago.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid said such efforts were the best avenue for Unimas' students to reflect on the true meaning of Independence.

"Organising such programmes also allows us to increase activities aimed at celebrating the independence of our nation," he said, when launching the show.

Dr Khairuddin hoped such programmes would continue to be organised in the future and attract more participation.

Meanwhile, Unimas held a forum last night to discuss and reflect on the meaning of independence, through an intellectual perspective.

The forum was chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Creative and Applied Arts, Associate Prof Dr Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman.

The three forum panellists included Santubong Member of Parliament Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Malaysian History Association chairman Datuk Omar Hashim and Prof Dr Raja Mohamed Fauzi Raja Muda from Universiti Tun Abdul Razak's (Unitar) Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.